



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 02-02-06-88

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO INITIATE LAWSUITS AGAINST THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY OF 1837.

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) is the duly elected governing body for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly on April 19, 1984 adopted and passed Band Assembly Bill 33-84 Ordinance 15-84 and;
- WHEREAS, Ordinance 15-84 requested the United States of America to exercise their powers of supremacy and perform their obligations as authorized in the Treaty of 1837 (7 Stat. 536) in order to ensure that the Mille Lacs Band can fully exercise all the rights guaranteed in said Treaty, and;
- WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota through its Department of Natural Resources has continued to purposefully usurp the rights of Band members under the Treaty of 1837, and;
- WHEREAS, this usurpation of rights and wrongful enforcement of State law has created social, cultural, health, and economic hardships for the Mille Lacs Band members, and;
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has contracted litigation support funds to the Mille Lacs Band, and;
- WHEREAS, these litigation support funds were designated for the protection of the Band's Treaty rights, and;
- WHEREAS, the Band desired to ascertain the true rights under the treaty and consequently contracted for and obtained both an ethno-historical report as well as a legal history of its status under said Treaty, and;

WHEREAS, both reports confirm the Bands' rights within the provisions of the Treaty of 1837, and;

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has social, cultural, health and economic reasons for the use of these rights.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly hereby renew its request for the United States of America to initiate lawsuits so that the rights of the Band under the Treaty of 1837 may be protected.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Resolution 02-02-06-88 was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 7th day of October, 1987 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of Assembly to this resolution.

Marge Anderson
Marge Anderson, Speaker of Assembly

In concurrence with the action of the Speaker of Assembly, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto recommend to have set the hand of the Chief Executive to this resolution.

Arthur Gahbow
Arthur Gahbow, Chief Executive

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